

## The McDonough Estate—Final Division of the Property.

A communication from Mayor Swann to the City Councils last evening states that he has the pleasure to inform them that the division of the property bequeathed by the late John McDonough to the cities of Baltimore and New Orleans has received the sanction and approval of the Court of Appeals, to which it was referred. The portion which attaches to the city of Baltimore, estimated by the Commissioners at about \$600,000, may be realized as soon as sales of the real estate can be effected. This information has been communicated by Mr. Brown Mayer, one of the Commissioners on the part of the city. Commissioners bearing upon this subject have been placed in the hands of the City Councils and the Mayor will be prepared to make a more detailed communication to the City Councils at an early day.—*Balt. Pat., 17th.*

## Richmond Items.

**FIRE LAST NIGHT.**—The tobacco factory of Mr. Samuel M. Bailey, located in rear of the old second Baptist Church, near the American Hotel, was discovered to be on fire last night about half past nine o'clock, but owing to the timely arrival of the firemen it was extinguished in a short time. It was the work of an incendiary, and the torch had been applied to the stair-case. Loss about \$500.

**U. S. MARSHAL FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.**—It was rumored on the street yesterday that this office, at present held by Col. John F. Wiley, would be conferred on R. A. Mayo, esq., of Henrico, by the President. The commission of the present incumbent expired on Saturday. It was also rumored that the personnel of the District Attorney would be changed.

**STABBING AFFAIR.**—Yesterday evening, on Broad street, near the Fredericksburg depot, a lad named Lucien Bass was stabbed on the cheek, on the shoulder, and had his fingers cut badly, by a companion named John Martin. Dr. Welford sewed up the wounds, which were severe and bled freely. The perpetrator of the offence had not been arrested at sun-down.—*South of yesterday.*

## [Communicated.]

**Miss May's Concert.**—Half dozen of us went to town Monday, to hear Miss May, and as the neighbors want to know all about it, I promised to write them a letter through the Gazette.

Well, we arrived in town about sundown, and put up at Newton's, where we got an elegant supper, and, after we had regaled ourselves with a cigar, proceeded to Liberty Hall, where we found a number of ladies and gentlemen assembled, but not half as many as I had expected to see, nor did I know the reason until after the "entertainment" was over. The people in Alexandria are pretty sharp, and I have very seldom known them to be galled. The fact is, there were too many big-fattening names on that programme, and people prefer hearing what they can understand. But about the Concert. The first man that appeared on the stage, was Mr. Thunders, quite a high sounding name, and we expected something awfully grand, but he was as gentle as a lamb, and the only thing that he did was to sing, which was very good, and the first piece he performed, consisted of tuning his harp, on which he was to play. When he undertook to "play Home," the anecdote I saw in the Gazette, a year or two ago, about Yankee Doodle with the variations, was brought forth by his mind. I, like the young lady on that occasion, prefer the "naked" Home, and so would nine-tenths of that audience. Mineher Rodolph, or Randolph, or some such name, no doubt sung admirably, judging from the applause he received, but it was lost on us. We poor, uneducated youths did not understand one word of it. I suppose most of the audience did. May may sing sweetly, there is no doubt of that; but when we left the Hall, one of the party, poor fellow, he knows no better, remarked that a fool and his money were soon parted. ZEKIEL HOMESPUN.

**FAIRFAX COUNTY, Va., March 16, 1858.**

**[Communicated.]**

"INGRATITUDE, THOU MARBLE HEARTED FIEND!"

Of all the dark spots on depraved human nature, of all the vile acts of man towards man, none throws such a freezing chill over the whole body, and drives back the purple current on the aching heart, like base ingratitude. Indifference continued, coldness persevered in, larger forges, friendship unrequited; by one who has been the willing recipient of our esteem and bounty, bringing horror over the soul, that thickens the blood in the veins, making the whole head sick, and the whole heart faint. Poor upon a man of fine feeling, a noble generous soul, the combined diseases flesh is heir to—let death snatch his loved one from him—strip him of all his earthly goods—let him be assailed by keen adversity and pinching want—let prison gates confine his body to the lonely cell—let the poisoned arrows of malice and revenge be hurled, and pierce a man's breast to the heart, all these, and a thousand more, which have been the lot of many a noble soul, have been the lot of one who was once the tallest Angel in the high heavens, and first sowed the seeds of rebellion there. Yes, it was he that dared to lift his rebel arm against his benefactor, and was hurled with lightning vengeance from his lofty height, to the lowest hell. He was the first that disturbed the harmony of Heaven, the Apollo of the human race, the morning star of Pandemonium, the first blot on darkness! And why is he permitted to belch out his burning lava or frail mortals?

**REC LAW.**

**[Communicated.]**

Dogs.—It is estimated that there are, at least, two hundred and fifty dogs, within the limits of this Corporation, for which no licenses are taken out, and which are untaxed.

**ALMANAC.**

1858. SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT.

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20 Saturday 6 3 50 51 29 2 32 M.  
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23 Tuesday 6 3 50 51 29 2 32 M.

**LATEST DATES.**  
London, Feb. 27. Havre, Feb. 27.  
Liverpool, Feb. 27. New Orleans, Mar. 4.

**MARINE LIST.**  
PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.—MARCH 15.

**MEMORANDA.**  
Schr. Alva, Greenwood, for this port, cleared at St. John, N. B., 6th inst.

The sale of the tickets for Mr. Everett's concert, will be closed at the several Bookstores, at 4 P. M. tomorrow. The Ticket-office at Liberty Hall, will be opened at 6 P. M., and those remaining unsold will be disposed of there.

The doors of the Hall will be opened at 6 o'clock, and the address will commence at 7 1/2 o'clock.

**WALL PAPERS.**—J. P. CLARKE is receiving direct from the manufacturers, his SPRING SUPPLY OF WALL PAPERS, which he can sell at greatly reduced prices, for cash, at No. 158, King-street.

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## The Pinchings of Poverty.

The remark, that one half of the world know not how the other half subsist, has been forcibly recalled to mind by a statement which we see going the rounds in our exchanges, and which we believe originated in the New York Tribune. The privations which many of the poorer class encounter in the great city of New York, with its merchant princes, palatial residences, and boundless extravagance, appear really incredible. Our contemporary, however, furnishes facts, and figures which are in the main to be taken as incontrovertible. It is estimated, for instance, that in the first, second, fourth, fifth, and sixth wards, there are about four hundred and fifty lodgings of a very inferior character. The average number of male and female lodgers every night throughout the year, is said to be about 25, or a total of 11,250 persons. Three thousand pay as high as three cents per night for the privileges peculiar to a lodging house at that price; four thousand pay six cents, and the remainder twelve cents each. Thus, about \$90,000 is paid for such accommodations, or a total of \$840,000 for every night for the most indigent kind of accommodation in the name of lodgings. The amount annually, excepting every seventh night, (which, in most cases is thrown in by the most magnanimous proprietors,) is not less than \$264,000. More than half this sum, or at least \$150,000 of this amount, besides large quantities of clothing and victuals, are procured from people who pay no more than a shilling a night for their lodgings or rents.

A large number of these places are under ground; the accommodations being a "kind of fire in some corner or other," several shavings covered over with a fabric of cotton or wool, and the whole of the "light of the world" is occasionally admitted by a door, or if anything should be otherwise abstracted the bundle of shavings from the window, then for a time light gets in by its legitimate channel. The ventilation of the premises is not described, because that was simply impossible.

In the sixpenny houses, shavings, straw, and various other collections of material constitute the resting spot for lodgers. In many of them the aspect is much the same as that presented by the forecastle of an English vessel, excepting the absence of decent white wash. Hammocks may be observed slung between the ridges of the apartment, while regions of darkness lay beyond human scan, the interior of which the boldness of exploration only would be able to describe.

The shilling, or twelve cent houses, are on a more respectable scale. The sheets on the beds are not allowed to be cleaned often than once in six weeks. Not more than four persons are expected to sleep in one bed at the same time, and five or six beds may be found in some rooms under ordinary circumstances. It is also stated that in many of these houses rum is sold, much to the sacrifice of the peace of the community.

What a horrible picture is presented in the foregoing statement of facts! How many who lie down at night on beds as soft as swan's down, in comfortable chambers, and with coverlets thick and warm, think of the thousands who are packed away in the miserable rag and filthy cellars of New York city alone!

Mr. Cornelius Wendell has taken charge of the Washington Union, in the place of Hon. W. A. Harris.

**MARRIED.**  
In Washington, on the evening of the 14th inst., by the Rev. F. S. Evans, Mr. JOHN FRANCIS DOONE, to Miss ELIZABETH BARNES.

**DIED.**  
In Washington, on the 13th inst., OWEN MCGEE, in the 44th year of his age.

**COMMERCIAL.**  
**The Markets.**  
BALTIMORE, March 16.—Flour is steady. Wheat unchanged. Corn is lower; white 55 1/2c; yellow 55 1/2c; mixed 53. Whiskey is active and firmer; City 20 1/2c; Ohio 20 1/2c. Provisions are very dull; Bulk sales 2c. Bacon shoulders 7 1/2c; sides 9 1/2c. Mess Pork 16 1/2c. Lard 9 1/2c. All however are nominal quotations.

New York, March 15.—Flour is heavy; sales of 7,000 bbls.; State \$4 00/6 \$4 10; Ohio \$4 05/6 \$4 25; Southern is firm, at \$4 00/6 \$4 10. Wheat is firm; sales of 5,000 bush; Kentucky 130c. Corn is firm; sales of 26,000 bush. Southern yellow 70c. Pork is steady—Mess 16 1/2c. Beef is higher; Western packed \$12.25/13.50. Lard is heavy, at 9 1/2c. Whiskey is buoyant—Ohio 21 1/2c.

**JUST RECEIVED AT RICHARDS',** blue mixed Yarn; beautiful shades of Shetland Wool; Working Cables; Steel Hoops; a further supply of Frampani Perumery, Satchels, and Pomatums; Best Maroon Toilet Soap; best Cologne; Spring Goods received daily.

**RICHARDS',** 101 King-street.

**EARLY WENNISTADT CABBAGE.**—The earliest and most solid heading Early Cabbage known, large and heavy, received, and for sale by HENRY COOK & CO.

**HIRE BY THE WEEK, DAY, OR MONTH,** a good and experienced GARDENER is a good hand at fixing, laying out, and beautifying yards, lawns, &c., &c. Apply to KNOX & BRO.

**WHALE OIL.**—Best Winter Strained, just received, and for sale by J. R. PERPOINT, No. 179, S. E. cor. of King and Wash.

**ONION SETS,** in prime order, just received, and for sale by J. R. PERPOINT, No. 179, S. E. cor. of King and Wash.

**FAMILY FLOUR.**—Just received, 50 bbls. very superior Family Flour, at low price. Best Extra and Superior Flour, for sale by ISAAC PAUL, corner of King and Water streets.

**SYRUP OF PHOSPHATES, OR CHEMICAL FOOD,** composed of the Phosphates of Lime, Soda, and Iron, in solution, received and for sale by HENRY COOK & CO.

**BARBERS SPECIFIC FOR FILES.**—The most effective preparation known, for sale by HENRY COOK & CO.

**FLOWER SEED.**—We have just received, a full assortment of choice Flower Seed, for sale by H. COOK & CO., Sarepta Hall.

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## Congress.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Houston called up the resolutions providing that after to-day the Senate shall hold evening sessions. Mr. Bigler said he had learned that arrangements have been effected this morning for taking the final vote on the Kansas question, on Monday next, and, therefore, he suggested that the resolution be allowed to lie over.

Mr. Hale stated that his friends had this morning agreed that the debate shall end and the question be taken on Monday next, by sunset, on the Kansas question; and that if it is found impossible to get through by that time by holding sessions of the usual length, the time and method of the protracted session shall be fixed by them.

Mr. Bigler, in behalf of his side, said that the arrangement would prove satisfactory.

Mr. Jay wished to provide that the time for taking the final vote should not be at such an hour as to prevent the attendance of members who are invalids.

A tacit agreement was had to this proposition, and Mr. Hale said that to prevent a misunderstanding the agreement of his friends had been reduced to writing; which he read.

Mr. Green asked leave to refer to a personal matter which occurred last night between himself and Mr. Cameron. That gentleman had, in his reply to Mr. G., made some unpleasant remarks, which the latter understood to be directed at him.

Mr. G. said he had no intention of threatening, and whatever part of his language was so construed was withdrawn.

Mr. Cameron replied that he had not knowingly used language offensive to Mr. G., and he assured that gentleman that he meant no disrespect in any part of his remarks. He was willing to withdraw everything offensive if made aware of what it was.

Mr. Green replied that it was a matter of fact which the gentleman had urged and which was an impeachment of the veracity of a statement made by himself. He asked that this be withdrawn.

Mr. Cameron urged that if he had done so he was not aware of it, and was confident that he had been misunderstood. He assured the Senator that he meant nothing of the kind.

Mr. King, of New York, addressed the Senate, at length, on Kansas affairs.

In the House of Representatives the States were called for bills and resolutions; a large number of which were introduced and referred.

**The Winter in Europe.**  
Contrary to the experience of early and mid-winter on this side of the Atlantic, those seasons in Europe have this year been remarkably severe, even in rather Southern latitudes. In the Island of Malta, which is not far from the African coast, the snow was several feet deep, and this was the first snow storm of consequence there since 1812, a year that will be ever memorable for the disastrous Russian campaign of the first Napoleon. At Constantinople, up to the 31st, snow fell for fifteen days in succession, and so terrible a winter had not been experienced in Turkey for twenty years. The navigation with Odesa was entirely closed, and even the Greek Islands were clothed in white. For the first time in a century the river Po, in Italy, had been frozen tight, so that men, horses, and vehicles passed over its surface. In Smyrna, generally so free from winter, the frost and snow have occasioned much inconvenience and suffering. In many of the towns in Turkey and Greece the roofs of houses had fallen in from the weight of snow accumulated upon them. This reminds us of the records of former ages, when, between the years 1000 and 1200, the Tiber and even the Adriatic Sea were several times frozen hard—the latter near Venice and Trieste. There has recently been a heavy fall of snow in Egypt. Such an occurrence is not within the recollection of the oldest residents of that country.

**THE HON. EDWARD EVERETT** will deliver his LECTURE ON "WASHINGTON," for the benefit of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association, on Thursday Evening 18th of March, at 7 1/2 o'clock, in LIBERTY HALL.

To be had at the Bookstores of Robert Bell, James Entwistle & Son, and George E. French. As the sale of the Tickets will be limited to the capacity of the Hall, it will be well to make early application. mh 5—601

**PHOSPHATIC GUANO.**—I am receiving supplies of NEVASSA OR BROWN COLOMBIAN GUANO, and beg to call your attention to its analysis below.

No. 29 EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, BALTIMORE, Feb. 8, 1858.

A sample of Guano from the Island of NEVASSA, consisting of fresh droppings of guano of sea size, and smaller, having been left at this office for examination, I have analyzed it and found it to be composed as follows:

Bone Phosphate of Lime.....24.02  
Containing of Lime.....34.67  
Do. Phosphoric Acid.....29.35  
Do. Carbonic Acid.....6.68  
Do. Oxide of Iron and Alumina (with a trace of sand).....15.74  
Water.....8.55

The above analysis is a most concentrated Phosphoric manure, and should be welcomed as a great desideratum.

(Signed) CHARLES BICKELL, Ph. D. The article is ground to a fine powder, and put up in strong bags. For sale low.

mh 13 JAMES C. NEVETT.

**NOTICE.**—The subscriber, having purchased of A. L. Gregory his entire Stock of Goods and interest in the STORE and TIN BUSINESS, is prepared to execute, with promptness, all orders in relation to the above business, or other work in his line. He will also keep on hand an assortment of Cooking and Parlor STOVES, Parlor Grates, Sales, Refrigerators, Water Coolers, Pumps, &c., together with all other articles usually kept in similar establishments.

mh 15 H. I. GREGORY.

**NOTICE.**—All persons having claims will present them, and those indebted to me are requested to settle with E. H. Gregory, at the old stand, 118 King street, who is authorized to receipt bills, and use my name in the settlement of my business.

mh 15—1m A. L. GREGORY.

**POTOMAC LODGE NOTICE.**—All persons indebted for Tuition, will find their bills in the hands of Mr. H. L. Monroe, who is authorized to deduct 5 per cent. for those who pay before the 1st of April. All delinquents after that date, will be placed in the hands of a Constable for collection. THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

mh 13—3ApI.

**WANTED.**—In a private family, a young WOMAN who is a good Seamstress and Ironer, and willing to make herself generally useful. To such a one a good home may be secured, by addressing through the Alexandria Post Office, [mh 9—97] A. I. VERTISER.

**ALEXANDRIA LYCUM.**—The Board of Directors of the ALEXANDRIA LYCUM and LITERARY SOCIETY, have declared a dividend of 5 per cent., payable at the office of the President, on and after the 17th inst.

mh 16—631 EDW. S. HUGHES, Pres't.

**NOTICE.**—All persons having BAGS belonging to us, (marked D. Hume & Co.) will please return them without delay, or they will be destroyed at 30 cts. each.

mh 22—1m KNOX & BRO.

**100 TONS GOOD COUNTRY RAGS** WANTED, for which the highest market price will be given.

mh 4 ROBERT BELL, 61 King-st.

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## Virginia Legislature.

In the Senate, on Monday, bills were passed amending an act entitled "An act concerning the assessment and collection of the public revenue," passed April 7, 1853.

Authorizing the Rector and Visitors of the University to sell certain lands.

For the relief of Richard P. Trice, of Fairfax county.

To amend and re-enact the 1st section of resolutions adopted Feb. 26, 1856, entitled "Resolutions in relation to the sale of works of internal improvement in which the State is interested."

Incorporating the Long Ridge Mining Company, in the counties of Page, Madison and Rappahannock.

Incorporating the Dark Hollow Mining Company, in Page, Madison and Rappahannock counties.

For the relief of John G. Garnett, of the county of Culpeper.

Creating a Fire Marshal for the cities, towns and corporations of the Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Rives, the joint resolution for the adjustment of the Senate on the 22d inst., until the first Monday in December, 1859, was taken up, and after debate, laid on the table.

The House bill to prevent the unlawful bridging of the Ohio river, and prescribing the penalty for the same, was taken up, and passed—yeas 21, nays 9.

Mr. Neale, of Wood, offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the Board of Public Works to furnish the Senate with a list of the railroads and canals in the State, with the Commonwealth's interest in the same; whether any or all of said works can be sold to domestic or foreign companies or individuals; the net value of the stock and the highest and best offer for each or all of the improvements on a credit not exceeding 15 years.

The said Board of Public Works to advertise for bids for the same, or privately negotiate, as they may deem best.

The Bill to release from the penalty for duelling all persons who may have been concerned therein prior to the 1st of March, 1858, was taken up and passed yeas 20 nays 9.

In the House of Delegates the following bills communicated from the Senate were read and passed:

Regulating the time of closing the transfer books in the Second Auditor's office.

Making the members of the Board of Public Works and other State agents, individually responsible for exceeding in expenditures the appropriations made by the General Assembly of Virginia.

Releasing to Fauquier the State's interest in the Lee's Manor Turnpike.

Incorporating the Bealeton and Springs Road Company.

Amending the act forbidding County Courts to grant corporate powers.

Establishing a branch of the Merchants' Bank of Lynchburg at Richmond.

To incorporate the Atlantic Steam Ferry Company.

Incorporating the Masonic Temple Association of Virginia.

Making it a felony for a life tenant in a slave to remove him out of the State or transfer a greater than a life interest in him, with intent to defraud the reversioner or remainderman.

Authorizing sale of estate contingent upon the dying of any person without heir, or other offspring or relative.

Authorizing the county of Orange to borrow \$10,000 to erect a new courthouse.

A resolution of thanks was adopted, requiring all common bonds issued by the State, and all bonds guaranteed by the Banks of the Commonwealth, to be converted into registered stock.

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